

Project Porchlight aim: save people dollars

By: Justina Pembleton

Halton Hills councillors, Clark Sommerville and Jon Hurst are co-ordinating Project Porchlight in Halton Hills, which will be launched at the Neilson Dairy in Georgetown on Oct. 20 at 2 p.m.

Halton Hills will be the first community

in the GTA to launch the project, thanks to Sommerville who came across a promotional booth at the FCM conference in Calgary.

"When I saw the booth, I asked if we could get this program in Halton. Their head office in Ottawa looked into it, and we got approval shortly after," Sommerville said.

What is Project Porchlight? It is an award-winning energy efficiency campaign run by

the not-for-profit group One Change. Volunteers will be going door-to-door distributing energy efficient 13-watt compact fluorescent light bulbs. Switching from old-fashioned bulbs to these will save up to \$50 in electricity costs over five years. With over 6,800 bulbs in use, the collective savings of using these bulbs will bring Halton Hills residents up to \$340,000 over that time.

Project Porchlight approved 4,800 bulbs to be distributed, with Halton Hills Hydro and Neilson Dairy donating 1,000 bulbs each, bringing the total to 6,800. Councillors, Mayor Rick Bonnette, Acton Boy Scouts, along with Sommerville and Hurst will be going door-to-door for distribution. Sommerville is still in the process of trying to

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Legionnaires invade on weekend



Acton soldier returns home from six month tour of duty in Afghanistan. - Page 15



Hundreds of former students and friends were at Kathleen Lawson's 90th celebration. - Page 4



Acton Seniors enjoyed a scenic trip on rail through the picturesque Forks of the Credit. - Page 6



VISIT HONDURAS: Acton High students enjoy a biology trip to Honduras, especially the rain forest. - submitted photo

Acton High students enjoy Honduras

By Erica Mills

We arrived at Toronto Pearson International Airport at 4 a.m., July 31st, 2007, to fly to Honduras with eight students and a Biology teacher from Acton High School, as well as one student from Thomas A. Blakelock High School in Oakville. Approximately one year after Mr. Leblanc, our teacher, had begun planning a conservation biology

trip for his students to Honduras, we were finally on our way.

After connecting once in Miami, Florida, we arrived in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. We spent the first night in a luxurious hotel, or what would seem like one after the next 14 days. We left the city the next morning at 7 a.m. on a bus to Cofradia and when we got there, we piled into the backs of pick-up trucks for a two-hour ride up the mountain into

Cusuco National Park.

The landscape was breath-taking. Every view of the mountains was so new and so exciting, but we all gave up trying to capture the sights on camera, knowing a picture would never do them justice. Once in Base Camp, where the elevation was approximately 1900 feet, we were welcomed by the staff from Operation Wallacea, the organization

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First convention to be held at Legion on lake

by: James Hayes

Starting tomorrow afternoon (Friday), Legion delegates to the District B Fall Convention will start descending on the Legion by the Lake.

For the first time in its 80 plus year history, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197 Acton will host a District Convention.

This prestigious event will take place beginning tomorrow, Friday Oct. 12 and continue until Sunday, Oct. 14.

Branch 197 Acton President Wes Kutasienski, invites the citizens of the town to share in the welcoming of these delegates and their spouses from as far as Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, Simcoe, Woodstock and, of course, Brampton, Oakville and Erin.

Thanks mostly to the lobbying efforts of President Wes; the District "B" Council awarded Acton the convention late last year.

Since that time, a committee of dedicated volunteers led by First Vice President and Convention Chairman Kathleen Bevan has been working hard to ensure the delegates and their spouses have a wonderful time during

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